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GECZ 2 00618-1

Serial No.: 10/677,768	Filing Date: October 2, 2003	Examiner:
Group Art Unit: 2875	Invention: LEAD FREE BASE LOCKING MECHANISM	

To the Assistant Commissioner of Patents:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For	No. of Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Rate
Total Claims	17	Minus	20	0	x 18.00	\$ 0.00
Indep. Claims	5	Minus	3	2	x 86.00	\$ 172.00
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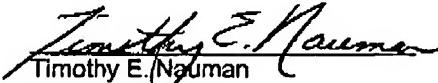
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No extensions of time fees are believed due; however, any extensions of time that may be necessary are hereby requested and the additional extension of time fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above referenced patent application as follows:

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